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SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLLS & HOURS

March 2007

1 Yukon Employees (based on employer payroll counts)

- The number of employees* in Mar., 2007 16,134
- The number of employees* in Mar., 2006 16,301
- The difference was a decrease of 167
- As a percentage, the decrease was 1.0%

* Does not include self-employed workers

Along with the release for January '07, Statistics Canada made minor revisions to SEPH data back to 2001.

In March of 2007, the preliminary number of employees* in the Yukon totalled 16,134. There were 1,674 in Goods-producing Industries, a decrease of 197 employees, or 10.5%, over the March 2006 figure of 1,871. In March of this year, there were 14,316 in Service-producing Industries, an increase of 117 employees, or 0.8%, from the March 2006 figure of 14,199.

2 About the Survey of Employment, Payrolls and Hours

There are two perspectives on Yukon employment. One, based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS), provides the perspective from a sample of households reporting experience of employment and unemployment. The other, based on the Survey of Employment, Payrolls and Hours (SEPH), provides a perspective on the number of employees based on employer administrative payroll records. The LFS is generally well known and is the focus of a regular series of monthly publications by the Yukon Bureau of Statistics. SEPH is less well-known but has the advantage of being a monthly census of all in-scope businesses maintained by the Business Register Division of Statistics Canada and from a list of all businesses registered in Canada Customs and Revenue Agency's Business Number program with one or more active payroll deduction accounts. Public Institutions Division of Statistics Canada provides information for general government services at the territorial level. *However, those enterprises primarily involved in agriculture, fishing and trapping, private household services, religious organizations and military personnel of defense services are excluded.*[1] It should also be noted that **SEPH does NOT include self-employed workers** in any of its figures. In March 2007, the Labour Force Survey estimated 2,500 self-employed Yukoners.

Comparisons between the LFS estimates of employment and the SEPH report of the number of employees will reveal differences which are largely due to the exclusion of self-employed workers and employees having more than one job at a time. For example, it is entirely possible to have SEPH report 17,000 paid employees in a month which could be filled by 8,500 workers each working two jobs; or 15,000 working one job and 500 working two jobs and 333 working three jobs. Historically, the number of multiple job holders reported by the LFS has varied between 700 and 1,400 with an average of just under 1,000 from 1992 through 2006. What we do not know from the LFS is how many jobs multiple job holders held in a given month.

The most current month's figures released are always preliminary and are revised the following month. Caution should be used when using the most current month's figures as the revisions are sometimes significant.

[1] See http://www.statcan.ca/cgi-bin/imdb/p2SV.pl?Function=getSurvey&SDDS=2612&lang=en&db=IMDB&dbg=f&adm=8&dis=2#top for further information.

3 Goods- and Service-Producing Industries

		Total Number of Employees*	Goods-Producing Industries	Construction	Service-Producing Industries	Trade	Transportation and Warehousing	Information and Cultural Industries
2007	**Mar (p)**	**16,134**	**1,674**	**740**	**14,316**	**2,070**	**944**	**468**
	Feb (r)	16,056	1,688	771	14,202	2,049	921	441
	Jan	15,795	1,643	750	13,998	2,043	914	440
2006	Dec	16,566	1,891	903	14,481	2,159	930	435
	Nov	17,085	2,317	1,205	14,552	2,152	925	441
	Oct	17,606	2,557	1,321	14,836	2,100	954	441
	Sep	18,385	2,423	1,138	15,599	2,122	1,009	440
	Aug	18,246	2,454	1,147	15,402	2,060	1,043	455
	Jul	18,581	2,463	1,151	15,731	2,120	1,066	453
	Jun	18,643	2,391	1,184	15,946	2,108	997	507
	May	17,416	2,043	961	15,143	2,001	949	535
	Apr	16,11	1,740	837	14,169	1,813	921	514
	Mar	16,3	1,871	1,004	14,199	1,775	910	521
	Feb	15,9	1,704	954	14,046	1,982	884	509
	Jan	15,707	1,687	940	13,754	2,006	884	511
2005	Dec	16,576	1,716	923	14,588	2,252	884	x
	Nov	16,368	1,578	951	14,502	2,241	892	x
	Oct	17,019	1,836	1,098	14,881	2,172	922	x
	Sep	17,868	1,942	1,143	15,609	2,282	951	x
	Aug	17,868	1,991	1,143	15,505	2,320	977	x
	Jul	18,180	2,036	1,110	15,754	2,291	973	x
	Jun	18,541	1,934	1,089	16,241	2,388	959	x
	May	16,640	1,467	798	14,873	2,238	924	x
	Apr	15,407	1,166	581	13,960	2,151	904	x
	Mar	15,414	1,004	509	14,148	2,117	905	x
	Feb	15,220	915	478	14,079	2,171	860	x
	Jan	14,931	913	471	13,800	2,092	850	x
2004	Mar (r)	14,933	887	393	13,799	2,105	1,073	522
2003	Mar	14,476	825	375	13,570	2,142	986	572
2002	Mar	14,435	887	530	13,476	1,888	868	571
2001	Mar	13,946	891	585	13,039	1,738	843	610
2000	Mar	13,545	951	352	12,542	1,763	683	533
1999	Mar	14,023	1,200	616	12,769	2,179	632	569
1998	Mar	12,690	1,154	503	11,348	1,805	489	506
1997	Mar	12,535	1,458	643	10,961	1,676	478	511
1996	Mar	11,061	1,221	589	9,769	1,721	504	411
1995	Mar	11,398	1,026	507	10,033	1,601	1,042	427
1994	Mar	11,177	1,007	535	10,085	1,992	939	412
1993	Mar	11,124	1,178	380	9,946	1,894	979	415
1992	Mar	10,916	1,194	503	9,721	1,530	1,173	425
1991	Mar	11,089	2,024	1,499	9,064	1,889	1,016	427
Average Mar 1991 to 2007		**13,247**	**1,203**	**604**	**11,929**	**1,876**	**851**	**494**

**see note on page 4 for a list of what is included in 'Total'.*

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM Table 281-0023

x = suppressed for confidentiality
(p) = preliminary
(r) = revised

- There were 16,134 employees in the Yukon in March of this year. The average number of employees in the Yukon for March 1991-2006 was 13,066; the March '07 total of 16,134 is an increase of 3,068, or 23.5% over the March average.
- The seasonal cycle in the Goods-producing sector sees more employees during the June through October time period than during the November through May months. The number of employees peaks in the July/August months, and 2006/07 numbers are consistent with historical fluctuations observed in this sector.

4 Service-Producing Industries, continued...

		Finance and Insurance	Administrative and Support, Waste Management and Remediation Services	Educational Services	Health Care and Social Assistance	Accommodation and Food Services	Public Administration*
2007	**Mar (p)**	**304**	**240**	**1,386**	**922**	**1,247**	**5,197**
	Feb (r)	306	251	1,405	939	1,240	5,136
	Jan	327	261	1,350	912	1,148	5,205
2006	Dec	314	242	1,401	890	1,273	5,359
	Nov	333	261	1,396	920	1,320	5,308
	Oct	436	269	1,352	896	1,570	5,316
	Sep	433	318	1,218	882	2,100	5,464
	Aug	434	324	553	944	2,270	5,603
	Jul	369	308	810	962	2,282	5,611
	Jun	353	267	1,335	998	2,198	5,431
	May	314	288	1,346	994	1,707	5,401
	Apr	325	223	1,345	950	1,516	5,174
	Mar	306	209	1,411	965	1,455	5,200
	Feb	300	223	1,360	949	1,427	4,998
	Jan	316	205	1,280	947	1,364	4,794
2005	Dec	395	194	1,333	917	1,451	5,140
	Nov	331	199	1,337	906	1,533	5,007
	Oct	337	208	1,316	945	1,754	5,213
	Sep	345	225	1,157	946	2,209	5,374
	Aug	383	274	510	910	2,372	5,502
	Jul	423	283	775	914	2,408	5,460
	Jun	391	312	1,276	986	2,261	5,388
	May	358	238	1,310	944	1,567	5,230
	Apr	311	209	1,329	921	1,289	4,949
	Mar	336	212	1,391	928	1,251	5,046
	Feb	332	202	1,377	931	1,200	5,083
	Jan	313	209	1,281	912	1,134	5,181
2004	Mar (r)	315	193	1,316	979	1,151	4,761
2003	Mar	301	194	1,341	902	1,387	4,467
2002	Mar	296	170	1,318	925	1,370	4,895
2001	Mar	296	156	1,316	880	1,243	4,677
2000	Mar	266	152	1,550	850	1,133	4,534
1999	Mar	270	157	1,557	821	1,331	4,203
1998	Mar	274	159	1,383	808	1,009	3,933
1997	Mar	269	145	1,343	903	1,035	3,676
1996	Mar	264	157	1,203	892	982	2,794
1995	Mar	235	162	1,295	787	931	2,776
1994	Mar	234	134	1,199	741	844	2,839
1993	Mar	243	153	1,252	714	888	2,853
1992	Mar	233	173	1,160	514	898	2,862
1991	Mar	249	159	842	159	747	2,893
Average Mar 1991 to 2007		**276**	**172**	**1,310**	**805**	**1,112**	**3,977**

* *Public adminstration includes all levels of government (federal, territorial, municipal and First Nations). Public Administration does not include teachers, college instructors etc. or health care workers who are captured in the Educational Services and Health and Social Service industries respectively.*

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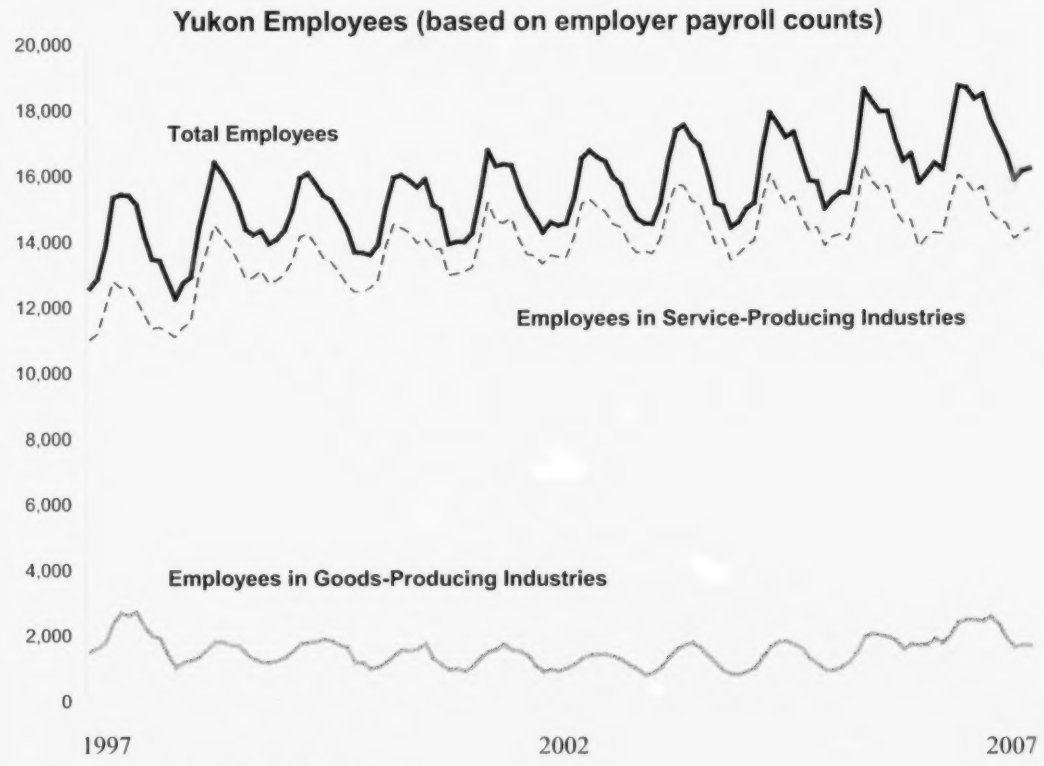
- The Service-producing sector is also influenced by seasonal fluctuations; there are more employees in the summer months, as would be expected with increased tourism traffic.
- From 1991 to 2006, on average for the month of March, the Public Adminstration sector has accounted for 29.9% of all Yukon employees. In March 2007, the number of employees in Public Administration (5,197) was consistent with this historical trend, accounting for 32.2% of all Yukon employees.

5 Yukon Employees, March 1997 to March 2007



Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM Table 281-0023

- The above graph highlights the cyclical nature of employment in the Yukon, with increased employees through the summer months and a decrease through the winter.
- The graph also highlights that gains in the number of employees over the last 10 years have mainly been in the Service-producing Industries.
- Notable as well is the anomaly of the number of Goods-producing sector employees in the first six months of 2006. The number of employees in this sector held relatively steady throughout the winter months of 2005/2006 without experiencing the winter contraction historically experienced in this sector. The Goods-producing sector experienced typical summer growth in 2006 and is now experiencing wintertime contraction.

Note: In addition to the industries listed, 'Total Number of Employees' includes unclassified industries as well as industries with suppressed individual numbers. Under Goods-Producing Industries, this includes: Forestry, Logging and Support; Mining and Oil and Gas Extraction; Utilities; and Manufacturing. Under Service-Producing Industries, this includes: Real Estate and Rental and Leasing; Professional, Scientific and Technical Services; Management of Companies and Enterprises; Arts, Entertainment and Recreation; and Other Services (except Public Administration).

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